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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 23, 2021 8:36 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Start General Rifle hunt on Wednesday close Sunday. 5 day hunt only. Change Dedicated hunter program bag limit to 1 buck deer in the 3 year program. Raise Dedicated Hunter tag fee to, \$300. Thank you for your work.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Tags need to be cut further. Make it so that non resident draw result percentages mirror those of residents. Use a system similar to limited entry where half of the tags are distributed randomly then start at the top of who has the most points and work your way down. Get rid of the choice option and make it so you can only apply to one unit, not multiple. Put the muzzle loader restrictions back down to non magnified optics. Reduce all deer hunt duration by 20 percent. Encourage hunters who wound an animal and don't recover it to count that as their tag. Only allow youth to participate in all three general season hunts if it is their first tag. Install deer fencing along rural highways where deer collisions are high.

As well the central mountains Manti/San Rafael unit needs to be split into smaller unites to better address the conservation needs of the areas covered by this hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

I think for private only hunts the division should work with landowners to guarantee hunter access similar to how New Mexico does their antelope hunts on ranches

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

Abolish the CMWU program.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

First of all come on DWR get it right first of all you want to cut deer tags after the draw application has ended. You always half to blame our deer herd problem on something. Lets not blame it on the late season dow hunts you have and the extra dow tags given out. You guys have no clue on how to manage wildlife. What the [REDACTED] are we doing?? Not helping the deer herds at all. I wish the whole state would not put in for the draw at all and see how you guys like that. Your problem is this is a money thing and money only. Shredding trees to help deer habitat what good does this do. HELLO the trees were here long before you started shredding trees and the deer did just fine. Come on DWR quite blaming the deer herds on the drought and other things. Lets have less deer hunts and see what happens. How can the doves have a chance to concieve a fawn if we are killing them off with your late season hunts. Sounds like a no brainer to me. There should be a law suit on the DWR for mismanagement of our wildlife.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I think there are more factors that go into the population control. If we are limiting tags we should limit out of state tags. I realize we get more money. I think local tags should be first to draw. It is seen from a perspective of many that Utah manages for money more than the herds. Limit out of state tags. Introduce 3point or better for a few years at least. Excluding youth. In past hunts southeastern and central I have noticed excessive cattle damage. Cows are everywhere and despite being "weed free" or "grass fed" they are destroying common deer feeding grounds. They leave a swamp that doesn't grow food but weeds. They move on because they don't even want it anymore. I think if you introduce some of these changes you could have an enjoyable hunt with a better quality deer, and not have to limit tags as much. I look forward to the deer hunt every year but it's getting harder to get my deer.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

I have been hunting Utah for 20 years. The elk tags for general season spike and any bull should be limited and not increased. Success rate of 11.3 percent (which is up from 7) sucks. Let's not flood hunters to push the herds on to private property or units. I would like to see a later season elk hunt, limiting tags, because the later season would have better opportunities because of the snow. Not to mention people would be able to take more time off if it wasn't in the same month as the deer hunts. I think the only reason Utah would increase tags is to cook up more revenue because they've decreased deer tags. Elk tags sell for more and your harvest success is low. Even lower for that many tags. Please prove me wrong that Utah isn't just trying to make money. Please limit tags and make changes to increased the success rate so that it's an enjoyable hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? agree with some reductions to help herd numbers. please force Covy to elaborate on CWD and deer numbers. specific to the Manti, he has stated that he is against any more deer, especially more bucks with an emphasis against mature bucks. there is an extermination of mountain lions on that unit taking place currently with fears bears will fall under the same management plan. why kill every praetor to help a deer population he has specifically stated he doesn't want to increase.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? numbers proposed are reasonable. good to not totally ruin the nebo elk in one year. please re-review the age class reduction on the nebo. Covy's reason of dropping the age class due to massive migrations to the nebo are not reasonable. Answers should be required for the inability to obtain prior age objectives. excuses that that is what the "locals" wanted is not consistent with the locals i know, being one of them.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? understanding antlerless permits as a tool, please STOP the Manti cow elk hunts until the herd can recover from the last several years of over issuing cow permits, especially on the west side of the unit. the objective is too far below carrying capacity and estimated numbers are below that objective. also reduce land owner tags 20% on the same unit.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Somewhat agree

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 26, 2021 12:16 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I live in the Southeast unit for most of my life. I love to hunt all things I care deeply for the game I pursue. You have opened the MT lion hunt from a draw to unlimited quote on the Manti. So that tell me that you see a problem but you cut permits in almost every unit besides Central Manti. This is quzzling to me. Please reconsider the permits number in the Manti the deer herd need our help. We could also shorten the day in the field this wound cut down on harvest but still keep revenue coming in also the DedicatedHunter program is killing to many animal the have to much time to wound game please stop program. Also there should be no out of state hunters allowed in if the herds are poor. Thanks

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 26, 2021 10:47 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? The last 2 years the deer numbers have plummeted on the Manti Lasal unit and yet you plan to give the same amount of deer tags. YOU NEED TO DECREASE THE TAGS if we want any deer left to hunt.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 27, 2021 12:50 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Cut more tags. You say it's the habitat and drought conditions now but yet the tags for elk, moose, bison, and bighorn sheep were increased. Quit hiding behind petty excuses to poor management and take responsibility for your own actions and do something. The BYU study showed the deer on the manti lasal to be the healthiest deer in the state but yet numbers are worse than I've ever seen them and everyone who has hunted this unit their whole life will agree 100 percent.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? It's time to try something new with a couple of the deer units. Youth hunters are allowed to harvest any buck. Non youth are three point or bigger restrictions.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Archery success rates are low. Don't reduce those numbers. The late season is too easy and doesn't allow for animals to avoid detection as weather forces them out. I strongly favor large reduction in late season tags on elk. Also we should consider some youth hunts on limited unit areas for management bulls

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Up the moose age on at least one unit. If I'm waiting a lifetime to hunt moose then make it worth while

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

The Division has failed the deer herd and the deer hunters of this state. You continue to micro manage the hunters and seemingly ignore the status of the deer herd. Utah used to harvest as many bucks as we are now giving out tags for. This is a failure of epic proportions and a course correction is needed.

Your continued reduction of tags and reducing the size of the hunt areas shows your focus on buck to doe ratios and micro managing the hunters but the problem isn't the hunters. The problem is the number of does that are in the herd. The only way a herd can grow is if there are Does to be bred. You need to shift your focus off of the hunter and the buck to doe ratio and focus on what is killing the does. Take the resources currently used micromanaging the hunters and use it to figure out why the deer population isn't increasing.

The problem isn't the weather, there is something else restricting the deer population besides the weather and the buck deer hunters and you need to focus on the deer herd and find out what it is. For over 20 years you continue to blame the hunter (by reducing tags and hunt area) and the weather. It is time to admit your failure and make a course correction.

Buck deer hunting does not keep the population of deer from expanding yet your response to less deer is to cut buck tags and restrict hunt area size and ignore everything else. Ten years ago we hunters agreed to smaller hunt areas and reduced tags with the promise the deer herd would increase. The division has failed and the deer herd and the deer hunters are the ones who are paying the price of that failure.

Give out more tags (increase revenue) , increase the hunt areas size (let hunters disperse themselves and reduced your costs) and allow buck deer tags to take a bear or cougar and spend more time on figuring out what is killing does and fawns.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

The Bookcliffs needs to eliminate the spike elk hunt. I want to know what percent harvest has occurred over the past five years. I want to know what percent of the harvested bulls are getting tooth data accurately documented. I have hunted the Bookcliffs for 30 years and spend countless days on the unit. I have guided elk hunters on the Bookcliffs for over 20 years. I have watched as elk are being harvested that are NO WAY the age average on either the roadless or the road portion that match what is being claimed. A raghorn bull is not 7 years old, yet I see raghorn bulls being packed out the of the roadless at an alarming rate. The spike hunt has ruined the only truly backcountry elk unit in the state. A decrease from 20 tags to 6 is directly what Covey Jones said he intended to do (close the Bookcliffs mature bull hunt to allow for spike hunting) PERSONALLY TOLD TO ME BY COVEY. It is time to step up to the plate and close the spike elk hunt on the Bookcliffs. The herd is under objective and is in a decline in quality. The Bookcliffs was a great unit prior to the spike elk hunt, but has declined in quality due to the spike elk hunt. You cannot continue to kill spikes on the Bookcliffs and have a mature bull herd to hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Neither agree nor disagree

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Somewhat disagree

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Neither agree nor disagree

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
April 2, 2021 4:51 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I hunt the San Juan Abajo Mtns. the decrease in permits last year was drastically needed. Between scouting and hunting I spend around 30 days on the mountain a year. Although the bucks have increased, I would give it a year or two before increasing permits anymore. Last years hunts were very tough due to the drought, this may be why you are seeing a good survival rate of animals. I would recommend not increasing permits and see how this season ends up, I hate to see the unit take another step backward when it's on the right track.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
April 5, 2021 11:30 am

Which best describes your position Somewhat disagree
regarding the proposed conservation
permit rule revisions?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I agree with the recommended limited entry deer permit recommendations for the areas I am familiar with (La Sal's and Elk Ridge). I do not agree with raising permits on the La Sal's. I highly recommend that treatments are done on the landscape to support more deer, especially on the La Sal's. I am positive that numbers are affected by predation, namely from bears, as I counted more bears this year than I counted deer. We may also have problems with drought, stress on the animals, CWD, and hunting. More and more deer are moving into Moab and Monticello and becoming problems for gardens and crops and that is partly why numbers are declining. I don't think the count of our deer is accurate. I do believe that buck hunting affects population, how many does are having fawns? A buck can only service so many does and in most cases I only see does and most of them have not had fawns with them on the La Sal's. I have stopped applying for tags for deer because of how difficult it is to find a single buck. I have lived here my whole life. When I was a kid it was rare to see a bear. Any given day you could spot over 200 deer on a single hillside and now you are lucky if you can see over 50 all day. Bears are coming into town and gardens because there is nothing for them to eat, the deer are not there, I was charged by a bear in the middle of a row of corn. I am disappointed in the current overall management of our wildlife as it seems the division is interested more in money than it is the health of the ecosystems that many of us love. The lack of deer is also affecting cattle grazing. Deer eat more forbs and shrubs and when deer numbers are high, cattle benefit because it increases the available grass forage for them. Many cattle ranchers are requesting a change from cattle to goats for their forest service permits because of the shrub encroachment. I do believe that the coyote reimbursement program is working for coyote populations and decrease the amount of predation that coyotes are causing on the wildlife. I do agree with the ease of being able to get a cougar tag now but I haven't seen that much cougar sign in most of travels. I still think as far as predators go it is a bear problem. Another problem we have on deer and other wildlife are predatory birds. Ravens and hawks are a huge culprit of fawn loss as well as lambing and calving losses. There is no legal way to manage them and that needs to change. I would hope that my comments don't fall on deaf ears and helpless hands.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? I have no objections to the proposed actions

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I agree with proposed recommendations, I would venture to say that in the town of Monticello that 20 antlerless permits would be better than 10. Also I wish there were antlerless permits given for the town of Moab.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Due to the low fawn survival adult deer survival along with poor health and projected lower survival this year because of low moisture. I would like to purpose a cut on the manti. At least a 600 hundred tag cut down to 7500 permits. I am on the SFW fulfillment committee and a all voted unanimously on this cut. Also feel as hunters we need to do are part on the recovery of this area. Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Getting to many tags on the Manti. Quality and hunter crowding is becoming a problem. Also need to get early rifle out of September

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Need to figure out how to transplant problem deer. It was helping and need to keep looking for a way to move health deer

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I appreciate the Division's response to the Drought and Predation on our deer. I would also like to share concerns on coyote issues along the areas of urban development. From Logan, Nephi to Kamas I see lots of coyotes in and around cities and would invite the Division and Wildlife Services to help deer in and around those areas to bolster the deer in units that seems to have high winter die off. I would also like to bring up unit 4/5/6. This unit has only 17% public land yet year after year 9k tags are issued for this unit. With the amount of Public land and being two access points to the major area it is overwhelming the amount of people to the amount of deer on that portion that is public. I ask that we look at separating this unit into smaller public land tags. Also with the traffic from the general public with atv, utv, campers on those two access points (Farmington Canyon / Skyline Drive above Bountiful) it makes the amount of travel on that area dangerous and potential for conflicts.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

PLEASE get rid of the Multi season tag for Elk to include all three season's. Die hard Rifle hunters who know little about elk in pre rut / summer behavior have ruined the Archery experience. I talk specifically on the North Slope / south slope elk herd. These elk move over the wyoming border or onto private when pressured and give ZERO chance to have any sort of success. I suggest having the multi season tag changed to Muzzy & rifle season's only as those who have a hunters choice tag have opportunity to hunt extended units.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

I agree with the proposal and want to echo the statement from the central rac that we need to do more on CWMU's to push elk cows back onto public land with more tags to cwmu's. Elk on private land allow the public hunters to have zero success.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? Strongly agree

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

The San Juan unit is being overhunted as your numbers suggest. The number of muzzle loader permits with the increased accuracy provided by more powerful scopes has lead to a huge increase in harvest, and by the rifle season the harvest is predominantly 2 year old animals. We Need to cut back permit numbers even more and revisit the rules for primitive weapons. It is just like having two rifle hunts now. If we are not careful we will have no animals left to hunt. Personal observations over the winter in the winter range leave little doubt the herd is sadly depleted and overhunted.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

On the San Juan unit the spike hunts are a zoo. How do you rationalize selling spike tags over the counter and having practically unlimited spike hunters at the same time and in the same place as some poor hunter has waited 25 years to draw a bull tag? Not only do the spike hunters chase the elk from the middle of august til the end of January for the last cow hunt to finish but those who are successful cut the up and coming bull count so low that the successful bull hunters have to employ 14 guides and a slur of locals to find a decent bull. And the elk herd is chased and hunted til they are at their wits end and leave the country. Get rid of the spike hunt or just have 1 5 day hunt not during a draw hunt and be done with it.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

So due to the lack of snow in the last couple winters and fawn survival rate. I would like to see less hunts. And less tags given to the southeast units because .
Fawns have a hard time surviving. Because of Lack of food from drought and over grazing mostly by sheep. Stress from all the hunts and people in the woods over recreating. To top it off the amount of predators. Birds of pray, Coyots, lions, bears.
The animals in the mountains get a ton of presure from people anmost year round. Thank you.
Lets put the hunt back in hunting.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree